

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A tree-mountable backpack blind for use by hunters and others, comprising:

a generally planar vertical frame comprising a tree-facing side including tree-securing means for securing the vertical frame to a side of a tree or similar vertical structure, the vertical frame further comprising a baseless lower end adapted to be held above the ground when the vertical frame is secured to a side of a tree or similar vertical structure, the vertical frame further comprising cantilevered upper and lower canopy support arms having a storage position stowed essentially flat against the frame and an extended position extending horizontally from a tree-opposing side of the vertical frame;

a seat mounted on a lower portion of the vertical frame below the lower canopy support arms to extend horizontally away from the tree-opposing side of the frame; and,

a canopy adapted to be supported on the upper and lower canopy support arms when the upper and lower canopy support arms are in their extended position, the canopy having an open bottom with a lower edge spaced from and hanging freely below the seat.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The blind of claim 1, wherein the vertical frame comprises a spaced pair of upper canopy support arms and a spaced pair of lower canopy support arms, the lower canopy support arms having a greater lateral spacing at outer ends thereof in the

extended position and the upper support arms having a lesser lateral spacing at outer ends thereof in the extended position.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The blind of claim 2, wherein the lower canopy support arms extend horizontally away from the tree-opposing side of the vertical frame a distance greater than the upper canopy support arms.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The blind of claim 3, wherein the canopy comprises a generally triangular planar front opening above the lower canopy support arms and defined in part by canopy sidewall portions above the lower canopy support arms, the front opening corresponding to the lesser lateral spacing of the upper support arms and the greater lateral spacing of the lower support arms in their extended positions, the generally triangular planar front opening being angled rearwardly and upwardly from the lower canopy support arms to the upper canopy support arms.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The blind of claim 4, wherein the canopy comprises an upper canopy portion above the lower canopy support arms and defining the generally triangular front opening, and a lower closable canopy portion extending horizontally beyond the upper canopy portion.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The blind of claim 1, wherein the upper and lower canopy support arms are capable of being telescoped and rotated without disassembly from their horizontally extended positions to storage positions generally flat against the frame.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The blind of claim 6, wherein the upper canopy support arms comprise vertically-extendable portions movable up and down relative to the vertical frame, and horizontal portions rotatable against and away from the vertical frame.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A tree-mountable backpack blind for use by hunters and others, comprising:

a generally planar vertical frame capable of being secured to a side of a tree or similar vertical structure, the vertical frame comprising upper and lower canopy support arms extending horizontally from the vertical frame away from a tree or similar vertical structure and a seat extending horizontally from a lower portion of the frame away from a tree or similar vertical structure below the lower canopy support arms; and,

a canopy supported on the upper and lower canopy support arms, the canopy comprising an open bottom with a lower edge hanging below the seat,

wherein the upper and lower canopy support arms are capable of being telescoped and rotated without disassembly from their horizontally extended positions to storage positions generally flat against the frame and wherein the lower canopy support arms are rotatably mounted on the vertical frame for rotation about a horizontal axis on the vertical frame.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The blind of claim 8, wherein the lower canopy support arms comprise horizontally-extendable portions movable inwardly and outwardly along the horizontal axis relative to the vertical frame to adjust the width of their spacing.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The blind of claim 9, wherein the lower canopy support arms are rotatably mounted on vertically-rotatable bases mounted on the vertical frame, the vertically-rotatable bases being rotatable about a vertical axis in the plane of the vertical frame.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The blind of claim 8, wherein the lower canopy support arms comprise laterally extendable end extensions.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The blind of claim 1, wherein the vertical frame comprises backpack straps.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The blind of claim 12, wherein the vertical frame comprises a packbag.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The blind of claim 3, wherein the lower canopy support arms extend horizontally away from the vertical frame a distance greater than the seat.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The blind of claim 1, wherein the seat can be moved to a storage position against the vertical frame.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The blind of claim 1, wherein the lower end of the canopy hangs below the baseless lower end of the vertical frame when the vertical frame is secured to a side of a tree or similar vertical structure.

Claims 17-18 (previously canceled)

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (new): A tree-mountable backpack blind for use by hunters and others, comprising:

a generally planar vertical frame comprising a tree-facing side including tree-securing means for securing the vertical frame to a side of a tree or similar vertical structure, the vertical frame further comprising a baseless lower end adapted to be held above the ground when the vertical frame is secured to a side of a tree or similar vertical structure, the vertical frame further comprising canopy support arms extending horizontally from a tree-opposing side of the vertical frame;

a seat mounted on a lower portion of the vertical frame below the canopy support arms to extend horizontally away from the tree-opposing side of the frame; and,

a canopy adapted to be supported on the canopy support arms, the canopy having an open bottom with a lower edge spaced from and hanging freely below the seat and a roof portion positioned above the seat.